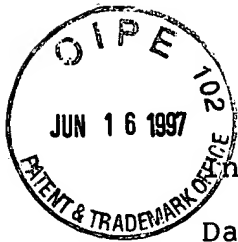


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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Hon. Assistant Secretary and

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant's attorney requests that the date for responding to the Final Office Action dated December 16, 1997 be extended one additional month, to and including June 16, 1997.

A Request for Extension of Time was filed on May 16, 1997 requesting the date for responding to the Final Office Action to be extended two months to and including May 16, 1997, which Request was inadvertently accompanied by a check in the amount of \$390.00 for the statutory fee for a large entity pursuant to §1.17(b). The above-identified applicant is considered a small entity pursuant to Verified Statements Claiming Small Entity Status for an Independent Inventor and a Nonprofit Organization submitted for filing June 30, 1993 in the parent application, Serial No. 08/050,060.

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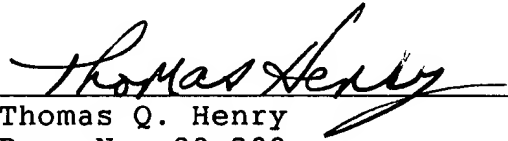
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